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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There is no proposal before Government at present to re-open the courts referred to.

Report on the 'Train tragedy.'

365 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in the publication of the report on the 'Train tragedy'?

A.—Attention is invited to the Government of India's resolution on the subject published on the 30th August 1922.

Abolition of Sub-Magistrate's Court at Alattur, Malabar.

366 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that inconvenience is caused to the people of Alattur and its neighbourhood in the district of Malabar by the abolition of the Sub-Magistrate's Court in that locality; and

(*b*) whether the Government intend to re-establish the court at an early date?

A.—The Court has not been abolished. But certain sub-magistrates have been deputed as summary magistrates for the trial of rebellion cases, their ordinary work being done by neighbouring sub-magistrates. The Sub-Magistrate of Alattur is one of these. His work is at present being managed by the Tahsildar and the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Palghat, who sit at Alattur occasionally. No complaint has been received by the Government alleging any inconvenience caused by this arrangement to the people of Alattur and its neighbourhood.

Promotions of sarishtadars of district and sessions courts.

367 *Q.*—Rai Sahib E. C. M. MASCARENHAS: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether sarishtadars of district and sessions courts have, in the past, been promoted to the High Court as sub-assistant registrars; and

(*b*) if so, in how many instances?

A.—The Government have no information.

Coconut palm pest at Mangalore.

368 *Q.*—Rai Sahib E. C. M. MASCARENHAS: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the citizens of Mangalore have asked for the extension of the Pest Act to the city of Mangalore, to eradicate the coconut palm pest which has appeared in the city;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the pest has already attacked over 5,000 palms; and

(*c*) whether it is proposed to extend the provisions of the Pest Act early so that the disease may be stamped out?

A.—(*a*) The Government have received no application for the application of the Pest Act. They understand that a resolution was passed at a meeting held at Mangalore on 31st July 1922 requesting the Government to introduce the Act.